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1. YOU AUTHORIZED USE FOLLOWING POINTS IN MEETING WITH NIMEIRI:
2. THE SIX-POINT AGREEMENT WAS A GOOD STEP IN SOLIDIFYING THE CEASEFIRE. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE TAKEN A CONSTRUCTIVE, PRACTICAL APPROACH IN WORKING OUT ITS IMPLEMENTATION.
3. BOTH SIDES ARE NOW FOCUSING ON DISENGAGEMENT AND SEPARATION OF FORCES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THEIR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES WILL MAKE SOME PROGRESS. IN ANY CASE, THIS QUESTION CAN BE CARRIED OVER TO THE AGENDA FOR THE SECRET

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FIRST PHASE OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

4. BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON HOLDING THE PEACE CONFERENCE. MODALITIES ARE NOW BEING DISCUSSED BY

US WITH THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

5. THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IN PEACE TALKS, AND WE ENVISAGE THE NEED FOR PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION AT THE APPROPRIATE STAGE. IT WILL BE UP TO THE ARABS TO DETERMINE WHAT THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE CONFERENCE. SUCH REPRESENTATION SHOULD CLEARLY REFLECT THE BROADEST SPECTRUM OF PALESTINIAN OPINION AND BE ABLE TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

6. IT WILL ALSO BE IMPORTANT THAT IN THE FORTHCOMING ARAB SUMMIT THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS SHOULD AVOID TAKING POSITIONS THAT COULD DELAY THE CONVENING OF A PEACE CONFERENCE, OR IMPAIR THE ATMOSPHERE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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